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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

David M. PUTZOLU

Serial No. 09/417,527

Filed: December 13, 1999

For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
DYNAMIC APPLICATION LAYER
GATEWAYS

Examiner: Barbara N. BURGESS

Art Unit 2157

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2002 in the above-identified application, the Applicant respectfully submits the following amendments and remarks.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

In the drawings:

Please add Figures 1-9 submitted herewith. The Figures are not believed to include any subject matter not present in the specification or claims as originally filed.

In the claims:

1. (Amended) A method for providing functionality on a network, the network comprising nodes, the method comprising:

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